



**ANIMAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MARCH 18, 2015
APPROVED 4/8/2015**

The Animal Advisory Commission convened for a Special Called Meeting Wednesday March 18, 2015 at the Austin Animal Center 7201 Levander Loop Multi-Purpose Room in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in Attendance: Larry Tucker, Robert Shaw, Babette Ellis, Meghan Wells, Babette Ellis and David Lundstedt

Board Members Absent: None

Staff in Attendance: Joan Hamilton Huber, Chris Noble

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:00 p.m.

**1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL
None**

2. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on House Bills 1274 and 859

Citizen communication: Elizabeth Choate

Larry Tucker moved the Animal Advisory Commission recommend the 2 bills, HB 1274 and HB 859 be added to the city's legislative agenda and the city take action that would promote the city's no-kill goals. Lundstedt seconded. Motion passed:

Voting yes: Members Lundstedt, Tucker, Shaw, Ellis, Wells

Voting no: Geigel

b. Update, Discussion and Possible Action on the Volunteer Workgroup-Dog Walking

Citizen Communication:

Will McKinney

Megan Wells moved the Animal Advisory Commission make a recommendation to City Council to direct the City Manager to explore a more robust and accessible web presence with Corporate PIO for Animal Services Office and to include online applications for the adoption, foster and volunteer programs. Babette Ellis seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Megan Wells moved the Animal Advisory Commission recommend City Council allocate funding for two full-time temporary staff for dog walking and enrichment for a minimum of one year. Larry Tucker seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Larry Tucker moved the Animal Advisory Commission recommend to City Council to direct the City Manager to explore a contract with community organizations to work with Austin Animal Services on a 12-month pilot program focused on dog exercise and enrichment. Robert Shaw seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

None

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

5. ADJOURNMENT at 7:08pm